by NRIS during 1985 under the different schemes are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

	31·12·85
(1) Direct Investment (Proposals approved)	477·23
(2) Portfolio Investment (Actual Purcahsers of shares and Debentures)	53·03(p)
(3) Bank Deposits (Outstanding Balances in NRE/ FCNR A/cs	4814·66*

P — Provisional

* — As on 30th Nov., 1985

(c) Not for the present.

(d) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED. QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 3RD MARCH, 1986

Newsprint prices

*101. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times newsprint prices have been raised during the the 6th Five Year Plan period and thereafter and when and by how much and what are the reasons therefor;

The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 3rd March, 1986 was adjourned as a mark of respect to late MR. OLOF PALME the Prime Minister of Sweden. Answers to Questions put down in the list for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, the 4th March, 1986.

(b) Whether it is a gact that some new newsprint manufacturers are not making newsprint but are manufacturers white printing paper;

(c) if so, what are the reasons thereof;

(d) whether small paper mills have offered to manufacture newsprint at comparable prices; and

(e) if so, whether this offer has been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) A statement indicating the price of domestic newprint from time to time is laid on the Table of the House (see below). The price increase has taken place chiefly due to rise in the cost of (1) raw materials, (2) chemicals, (3) power and (4) labour and other over-heads.

(b) and (c) No existing newsprint manufacturer is, according to the information available, currently using his licensed newsprint production capacity for production of other items. However, two of the existing newsprint manufacturers, namely, M/s. Mysore Paper Mills and Tamilnadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd. besides their newsprint capacity, are also licensed for manufacture of other varieties of paper.

(d) and (e) All India Small Paper Mills Association has* made such an offer but subject to adequate support price, uninterrupted flow of inputs, provision of sufficient funds and guaranteed offtake of production. No industrial licence is required for investment upto Rs. 5 crores and any request for a larger project will be considered on merit.

Statement *Price of domestic newsprint from time to time*

	Date	Price per tonne
1. National Newsprint and Paper Mills Ltd. (for 55 gsm)	October, 1980	Rs. 3,886
	January, 1981	Rs. 3,956
	April, 1981	Rs. 4,277
	July, 1981	Rs. 4,700
	September, 1982	Rs. 5,200
	June, 1983	Rs. 5,600
	March, 1984	Rs. 6,400
	31-12-1985	Rs. 7,860
2. Hindustan Newsprint Ltd. (52 gsm)	March, 1982	Rs. 6,400
	August, 1982	Rs. 6,750
	January, 1983	Rs. 7,000
	February, 1984	Rs. 7,100
	April, 1984	Rs. 8,000
	31-12-1985	Rs. 8,960
3. Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. (52 gsm)	May, 1982	Rs. 7,225
	April, 1984	Rs. 8,000
	31-12-1985	Rs. 8,960
4. Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Paper Ltd.	June, 1985	Rs. 8,000
	31-12-85	Rs. 8,960

LPG stoves sold through LPG dealers

*102. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large nnmber of LPG stoves being sold in the country through LPG retailers do not conform to the safety requirements and if so, what action Is proposed to be taken in this regard;

(b) whether Government propose to issue precise instructions to the stove manufacturers for adoption of essential safety feautures in their products and make it binding on them to follow these instructions, in view of the requirement of utmost safety in the use of LPG; and

(c) whether it is a fact that if some parts in a gas stove are not serviced periodically, there is a likelyhood of gas leakage and if so, whether Gove-